peared in 'The Economic Times' Delhi on 16th Fabruary, 1993 under the caption "All the glitter may not be gold after all":

(b) whether Government will intervene to unravel the fraud in question and notify the same for the good of the general public;

(c) whether there are any guidelines for calculating the price of gold ornaments of 22 carat:

(d) whether any breach of these guidelines has been involved in the instant case; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the jewellers found guilty of the breach of the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The MRTP Commission has directed tht Director General of Investigation and Registration to investigate the matter. The Office of the Director General of Investigation and Registration has also initiated suo moto investigaton under section 11 (2) of the MRTP Act in the matter. The MRTP Commission is a quasi-judicial body and is empowered to take further necessary action under the provisions of the MRTP Act on receipt of the Report from the Director General of Investigation and Registration.

(c) MRTP Commission has not laid down any guidelines for calculating the price of gold ornaments of 22 carats.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Medical aid to the dependents of Government Employees

@@2047-B. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government employees covered under the All India Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1954 are being denied medical aid and assistance for their solely dependent father or mother;

(b) whether for the purpose of determining the entitlement incomes of the dependent parents are being computed with the pensions available to them on account of freedom fighters pension;

(c) whether Government propose to grant exemption in such cases where dependent father or mother is drawing freedom fighters pension from various State Governments to become entitled under the above rules as may applicable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration. However freedom fighters are otherwise entitled to medical facilities from the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1776 transferred from 12th May, 1993.